

ments of Maryland, an entire change in the officers of the Canal Company cannot occur.

The report of the committee on education was then taken up.

Mr. Barnes submitted the following as a substitute for the entire article:

Sec. 1. The system of public education now existing shall continue until the first day of March, 1868, and as soon as this constitution shall be ratified shall be under the management and control of the present Professor of the State Normal School, who shall receive the same compensation now provided by law for the superintendent of public education in the State; and the voters in the several election districts of each county shall, at the first general election after the ratification of this constitution, and at each successive general election for members of the House of Delegates, elect one school commissioner for each election district in each county, the return thereof to be made in the same manner as now required by law for other county officers, and the persons elected as commissioners shall constitute a board of public education for the respective counties where they are chosen, and the board so constituted shall have power to provide such system of public education for their respective counties as they may deem best, and they shall have full power to put the same into operation in their respective counties; and the county commissioners of each county shall, from time to time, levy upon the assessable property of their respective counties, such amount of money as may be required by the board of public education for the support of such schools; and there shall be levied upon the taxable property of the State, as other State taxes are levied and collected, a general tax of five cents on the hundred dollars of valuation, for the use of the public school fund of the State, which shall, with any other school funds of the State, be distributed annually by the comptroller of the State, among the several counties and the city of Baltimore, according to the number of children attending public schools in each respectively the previous year. And there shall be appointed by the General Assembly of Maryland in convention, a suitable person as inspector of public schools for the State at large, who shall hold